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SUBJECT: DAILY ARA SUMMARY - JUNE 6

- 1. THE CUBA STORY GOT SOME PLAY OVER THE WEEKEND, BUT AS IT HAD ALREADY SLIPPED OUT IN BITS AND PIECES, THE NEWS COVERAGE WAS NOT EXCEPTIONAL. THE NEXT STEP IS TO SEND AN ADMINISTRATIVE SURVEY TEAM TO HAVANA POSSIBLY AS EARLY AS THIS WEEKEND. DISCUSSIONS ON THE COMPOSITION AND WORK OF THE TEAM ARE NOW UNDERWAY IN THE DEPARTMENT.
- 2. THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS INTEREST AND WE RECOMMENDED THAT THE PRESIDENTIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE TAKE A FRESH LOOK AT OUR PANAMA NEGOTIATIONS. WE HAVE RECOMMENDED TO THE NSC THAT A PRC MEETING TAKE PLACE THE WEEK OF JUNE 20 BY WHICH TIME THE CURRENT ROUND CONFIDENTIAL

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OF TALKS SHOULD HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

- 3. WE HAVE COMPLETED A FULL SET OF BRIEFING PAPERS FOR THE OASGA. I HELD AN ARA MEETING THIS AFTERNOON TO REVIEW THE PACKAGE.
- 4. REPORTS NOW INDICATE THAT THE SOUTHERN CONE MEETING

(DISCUSSED IN THE ARA DAILY SUMMARY OF JUNE 1) MAY BE

DOWNGRADED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL AND MAY BE HELD AT GRENADA ON JUNE 10. THIS TIMING, JUST BEFORE THE OASGA, PRESENTS OBVIOUS COMPLICATIONS FOR US. NEVERTHELESS, WE PROPOSE TO SHOW NO CONCERN OVER THE MEETING. IF IT TURNS OUT TO BE A MEETING TO DISCUSS OASGA AGENDA ITEMS, HOWEVER, WE MIGHT ASK TO BE INCLUDED. CONSIDERING THE DIFFERING ATTITUDES TOWARD THE MEETING BY THE PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING PARAGUAY, WHICH MAY JUST HAVE INVITED THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO VISIT, THE MEETING MAY STILL NOT COME OFF. THAT WOULD BE THE BEST OF ALL WORLDS. WE WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED.

- 5. DUE TO A CONFLICT IN HIS WASHINGTON SCHEDULE, THE SECRETARY'S TRIP TO TRINIDAD HAS BEEN MOVED ONE DAY, TO JUNE 16-17. WE RECEIVED PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS' CONFIRMATION OF THE CHANGE OVER THE WEEKEND.
- 6. THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WILL HOLD HEARINGS THIS WEEK ON THE REVISED PROTOCOL TO THE RIO TREATY. AMBASSADOR MCGHEE, BOB WHITE AND DAVID GANTZ WILL PARTICIPATE.
- 7. I MET THIS MORNING WITH DICK COOPER, HARMAN (COMMERCE) AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS PARTICIPATING IN THE CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM WITH MEXICO. THINGS ARE OFF TO A GOOD START. COOPER IS ASSUMING THE ROLE OF PRINCIPAL DEPUTY CONFIDENTIAL.

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TO SECRETARY VANCE FOR THIS PURPOSE AND WILL SHARE WITH HARMAN CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE ECONOMIC WORKING GROUP. I THINK YOU SHOULD CHAIR THE SOCIAL WORKING GROUP (ILLEGAL ALIENS, NARCOTICS, BORDER COOPERATION, ETC.). I'LL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU MORE ABOUT THIS. WE EXPECT TO ACHIEVE INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT THIS WEEK ON THE SPECIFIC ISSUES TH U.S. WANTS TO RAISE WITH THE MEXICANS. WE OWE THEM A NOTE ON THIS BY JUNE 17. VANCE

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